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## Timely Tidbits . . .

#### **Public Sale**

Miscellaneous items from the Romulus Community School District will be sold to the public at the Hayti Elementary School building (30155 Beverly Road, just east of Middlebelt) on Thursday, October 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, October 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, October 29, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the District's administrative office at 941-1600.

#### **Candy Check**

Romulus Police Lieutenant Eric Painter says that Romulus residents should keep an eye on local access cable channels for details on where and when they can get their children's candy checked on Halloween night. It is anticipated that at least two sites will be used.

#### SHOCKTOBER!

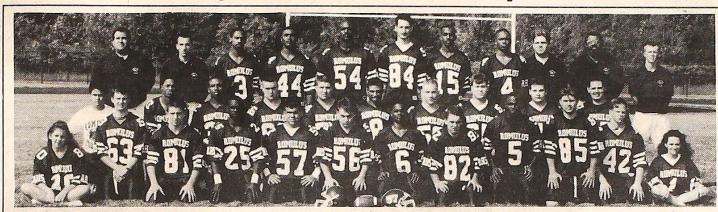
The City of Romulus Beautification Committee is once again sponsoring a contest for homes decorated for the Halloween holiday. Judging will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, through Friday, October 29. First prize is \$50; second prize is \$25. All entries should include the address of the home, the name of a contact person, and a phone number, and must be received by the Committee on or before p.m. on Monday, October 24. Mail entries to the attention of Julie Wojtylko at: City of Romulus Beautification Committee, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. Questions? Call 942-7537.

#### **EDS Update**

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) will begin presenting its case before the City's Zoning Board of Appeals on the evenings of Wednesday, October 26, and Thursday, October 27.

It is believed that if EDS does not gain a favorable decision from the Board, it will file several lawsuits againt the City and/or some City officials, which could result in enormous cost to taxpayers.

## Homecoming Successful Despite 3-0 Loss



The Romulus High School Varsity Eagles, 1994–1995, led by head coach Jim Zoltowski and assistant coaches Glenn Free, Jeff Hancock, Josh Henry, Matt Robertson, Bryan Tapp, and Leo Trayner: (not in order) Gerald Luster, Mike Bell, Roy Chambers, Maurice Franklin, Jamal Bailey, Martez Hall, Jamal McCain, Robert Garner, Eric Nunlee, Keith Miller, Gene McClue, Brian Tyus, Matt Ladach, Rich MacDonald, Tyrone Jones, John Pitel, Mario Thomason, Alan Raphael, Brian Norman, Justin Smathers, Bill Hall, Richard Covert, Jamie Harris, Chris Clark, Paul Olney, Jeremy Castle, and Randy Orme.

By Kristi Stephens

Despite giving up three points in the last minutes of an otherwise scoreless duel, and thereby losing their game against Milan, the Romulus Varsity Eagles football team and Romulus High School student body enjoyed a successful Homecoming last week.

Crowned King and Queen during halftime ceremonies were seniors Tyrone Jones and Casandra Jackson. The two were chosen from a Homecoming Court which included Gary Harris, John Pitel, Josh Remelius, Mario

Thomason, Kristi Hardrick, Jaime Luczak, Jamie McGraw, and Shannon Warren. Prince and Princess crowns went to junior classmen Ryan Daw and Shenika Hankerson, sophomore Kionta Turrentine (no prince), and freshmen Reginald Williams and Nicole Laskaska.

Other halftime-highlights included the announcement of the Float and Spirit Jug competition winners. Appropriately, the senior class was victorious in both categories.

The Homecoming Dance, which was held the night after the game, was

among the best attended in the school's history. Also a success was the pregame parade, in which Romulus Alumni Association member and 1962 Homecoming Queen Judy Rakotz appeared as Grand Marshal, and the Alumni Association tent (sponsored by the Romulus Rotary), where former graduates gathered to visit and enjoy delicious "walkaround chili" prepared by 1994 Coming Home Chili Cook-off winner Paula Smith.

Congratulations to the entire community on a successful Homecoming celebration. □

## **Bill Would Require Disclosure of Contributions**

Representative Greg Pitoniak has announced his co-sponsorship of legislation which would require insurance companies to tell policy holders how much they contributed to political causes and where that money was directed.

The legislation requires insurance companies to include political funding information on the bills that they send to their insured, but will not require disclosure of the position of the insurance company on a particular issue. Insurance companies are targeted because Michigan citizens are required to purchase certain forms of insurance and, Pitoniak believes, should know how dollars are used when they go to political causes. Other companies, such as utilities, could be added to the list as discussions on the bill develop.

The bill's primary sponsor, Representative Nick Ciaramitaro (D-Roseville), pointed out that insurance companies have already spent more than

\$600,000 in their effort to promote passage of the upcoming no-fault insurance referendum (P.A. 143, 1993).

"Insurance companies spent nearly \$6 million in 1992 on the ill-fated Proposal D no-fault reform measure and those costs came directly out of ratepayers' pockets," Pitoniak said. "In the long run, I don't see how the intent of the 1992 referendum or the one coming up in November will be of help to anyone but the insurance industry. At the very least, ratepayers should be kept informed of these types of expenditures." He added, "I want my constituents to remember that Michigan insurance companies had the highest profits in the Nation last year. It is frustrating to see the Governor and his colleagues continue to push for a modest six-month rate cut; a major, permanent reduction in coverage; and a permanent increase in insurance industry profits, all at the expense of the insurance consumer."



Representative Greg Pitoniak

# Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

## Resident Tells RECAP To Stop Personal Attacks

Letter to the Editor:

Earlier this year, a Romulus City Councilman was subjected to continued personal attacks by members of RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) because of what they believed was a conflict of interest regarding the Deep Well. No one who knew the Councilman involved ever believed any of the nonsense being repeated and it was an embarrassing time for our city. Eventually, the whole mess was exposed for what it was: a politically motivated attempt to intimidate our city government. We saw this again in the "Environmental Protection Fund" millage campaign. Council people were again told of how RECAP represented the winds of change. Apparently, the Deep Well issue is viewed by RECAP as a drop dead issue, it's their way or no way! Unfortunately, the rest of Romulus is footing the bill.

Now, once again, the forces of RECAP have turned their efforts to character assassination. This time, they've zeroed in on Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry. At a Council meeting several weeks ago, a spokesperson for RECAP stood up and challenged Jimmie Raspberry's integrity. Can you believe this! Yes, Jimmie Raspberry - someone who has worked tirelessly for our community since before it was even a city; a man who worked at Ford Motor Co. for his entire adult life and who, upon retirement, determined to work on behalf of the people of our community. What right do these people have? How desperate are they to stoop to such low levels of conduct?

I for one want to go on record and tell Councilman Raspberry that, once again, RECAP is speaking on behalf of only a handful of people. They know who they are, and they should be ashamed of themselves. Public life carries with it a heavy burden and, for those who take on the challenge, we appreciate it. But to be subjected to false and

misleading statements intended to smear one's character shouldn't be part of the bargain. Speaking for the people, with a clear mind and a strong voice, has been Councilman Raspberry's "trademark." For that, we should all thank him.

The people of Romulus are not taken in by the members of RECAP. They may be neighbors and even friends, but they've used up a lot of that friendship and, sooner or later, they will see that their behavior simply won't be tolerated any longer. No one has wanted to offend them before, but we've all gotten tired of it and, they should know, it's a long way back!

Mary Ann Goodman Romulus

#### Reader Responds to "Finance Study" Article

Regarding the October 6 article concerning Financial Consequences of Failure To Negotiate Settlement:

Despite his academic credentials, Dr. Seth Hirshorn cannot see beyond his pocketbook when paid by EDS to analyze the financial alternatives for the City of Romulus. Does he look out of his Ann Arbor window daily to see toxic waste pumped into the ground next to his home? Where does he consider the financial consequences of a toxic facility on property values and the health of residents? Where does he consider the alternative that EDS should realize it is not appropriate to import toxic waste from Canada and other states and pump it into the Great Lakes Basin, and drop their scheme?

It is not unusual in this decade for many cities similar to Romulus to have financial difficulties. Companies such as EDS specifically target such communities as hostages to their high-profit projects, which ultimately place the true cost of disposal on the community. Legislation has been proposed but defeated at the State level to provide some funding for communities to defend themselves from such actions.

A proposed toxic facility has the same effect on a community as a gang moving into the neighborhood. It costs millions merely to defend the citizens, to maintain property values and personal safety, with no net gain. It is not an option, however, to accept the gang's drug money, and the same is true with environmental crimes. The act of accepting money from the company, whether by a municipality or a university profes-

sor, makes one an accessory to the crime.

Julie Griess Ypsilanti

#### Resident Asks Mayor, Council To Obey the Law

Dear Editor:

On Monday, October 10, I spoke at the Romulus City Council meeting; I asked the Mayor and members of Council to follow the City Charter and the Michigan Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act in managing our tax dollars.

It's a simple matter really: the public has a right to know what our tax dollars are being spent on. This is done through the budget, a public document which is supposed to properly reflect the state of our City's financial affairs and serve as a plan for spending of public money for the coming fiscal year. For our City government to be spending large amounts of our tax dollars on a matter which was allocated no money at all in our City Budget is wrong. Dead Wrong!

"Contracted Attorney's Fees" is the fund from which attorneys' fees and other legal expenses related to the Deep Well Litigation are paid. In the budget hearings last spring, the Mayor and City Council appropriated a grand total of \$0 - nothing, nada, zip - for the Deep Well Litigation after July 1, 1994, the beginning of the 1994/1995 fiscal year. By the time the Budget for FY94/95 was adopted, the City had already spent nearly a quarter of a million dollars on its lawsuit, with no end in sight. What did they expect to happen on July 1 - for the Deep Well Litigation to disappear? Obviously not.

The whole budget process is a public process. From public hearings to adoption of the final budget, the financial affairs of this City are supposed to be an open matter. For the Administration and Council to refuse to publicly admit an expense and then go on to spend tax dollars on that item runs against not only the City Charter and continued on page 7

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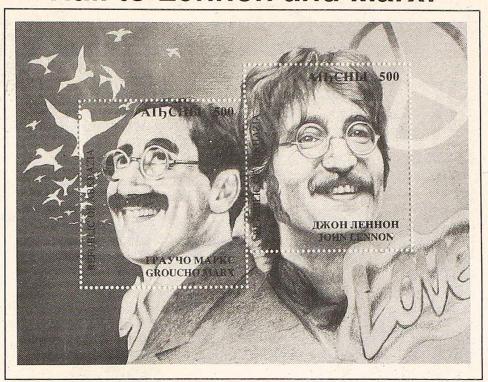
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### Hail to Lennon and Marx!



The tiny province of Abkhazia has found a way to poke fun at its former Russian occupiers, and has created what many collectors consider to be the most clever commemorative postage stamps ever issued. As their first official stamp release, postal authorities in this break-away province have just issued two legal tender postage stamps commemorating a Lenin and Marx not generally associated with Russian history, but rather with peace and laughter – John Lennon and Groucho Marx.

"The Russians are obviously sending a message to the world to 'Give Peace A Chance,' remarked John Van Emden of The International Collectors Society in Owings Mills, Maryland, the distributor of these stamps worldwide. "Little did they know that they've created one of the hottest collectibles around."

The colorful stamps, which depict a smiling John Lennon and Groucho Marx surrounded by icons of peace and love, are legal for postage in Abkhazia and have been issued in a Limited Edition of just ten thousand sets worldwide.

"When you compare that to U.S. commemorative stamps such as Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly, where hun-

dreds of millions are printed, you can see the irresistible appeal that these stamps will have to Lennon fans, Marx fans, and stamp collectors," added Van Emden.

Each of the stamps is about four times the size of a regular U.S. postage stamp, and is set within a large and colorful souvenir sheet. Each stamp has a face value of 500 rubles.

"The souvenir sheet is really quite stunning, with rather remarkable artwork. Collectors are seeking them out because of the clever subject matter, their rarity, and because they are the first issue from this emerging nation," he continued.

Gotta have 'em? They are available for a short time at their original issue price of \$8.72 (plus \$3 postage and handling) for the set which is accompanied by a numbered Certificate of Authenticity. You'll also get two free pocket guides containing little-known facts about John Lennon and Groucho Marx. The most you can buy is six sets. Contact The international Collectors Society, 10045 Red Run Blvd., Suite 170PL, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117, or you may call toll free: 1-800-624-4427.





- · Try to Trick-or-treat while it's still light outside.
- · Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see and be seen.
- If you must go out at night, select a costume that's light in color.
- Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.
- Use reflective tape on your costume so motorists can see you.
- · A face mask will keep you from seeing well. Take off your mask before you cross the street.
- · Why not wear makeup instead of a mask?
- Have a parent or older brother or sister go trick-or-treating with you.
- · If someone older can't go with you, trick-or-treat with friends. Never travel alone.
- · Plan your trick-or-treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lit.
- · Tell your family on which streets you'll be trick-or-treating.
- Cross only at corners. Never cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- If there's no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Wait until you get home to sort, check and eat your treats. (Watch local cable access channels for time and locations of Halloween Goodie check points.)



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## **Community Calendar**

- Public Sale Miscellaneous items from the Romulus Community School District will be sold to the public at the Hayti Elementary School building (30155 Beverly Road, just east of Middlebelt) on Thursday, October 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, October 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, October 29, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Oliver! The Huron Civic Theatre will present Oliver! on October 29 and 30, and November 4, 5, 6, 12, and 13 at Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston). For performance times and ticket information, call 782-5380.
- Special Science Program The Romulus Public Library will offer a special science program for children in grades four through six on Saturday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The free one-hour program, sponsored by the Wayne County Library and BASF Corporation, will feature hands-on science experiments, an information video, and possibly a head start on that yearly science project. Registration is limited. Call 941-7369 for more information.
- Foster Parent Information Meeting Every child deserves to live with a family who guides and protects him/her. You can be the difference in a young person's life by becoming a Girlstown Foundation Foster Parent. Attend an information meeting at 397 Main Street, Suite 3 (Belleville) at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, or call Ms. Collier (697-4804) for more information.
- Incest "Courage to Heal" Therapy Group A newly formed therapy group for adult women and men who were victims of child abuse will meet on Thursday, November 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Family & Neighborhood Services/Dorsey Center (32715 Dorsey Road, Westland). For more information, call Dottie Birrell, social worker, at 326-4262.
- Female Mentors Needed The Young Mothers Assistance Program
  is looking for adult mentors to help support, educate, and nurture
  pregnant/parenting teens. Training is ongoing. Call 513-7598.
- Women's Self-esteem Group Now Forming "Improving Self-esteem," a women's group which will meet for three-hour weekly sessions for a period of 14 weeks, is now forming. Time and location of meetings has yet to be determined. For more information, please call Ellen Campbell, MSW, at Family & Neighborhood Services (782-9800).
- Toughlove Toughlove International a support group for parents who are troubled by their children's behavior (drugs/alcohol, violence, gangs, etc.) meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the YWCA (3211 Fort Street, Wyandotte) and every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Brownstown Community Center (21311 Telegraph). For more information, call 782-1568.
- ADD Parent Support Group A multi-community Attention Deficit Disorder Parent Support Group will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Bentley Center (15100 Hubbard, Livonia, south entrance). Brown bag lunches are encouraged. Call (313) 513-7598 for more information.
- "Person of the Year" Nominees Sought The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 15th Annual "Person of the Year" award. The only criterion for eligibility is that the nominee must have made a significant contribution to the community. Forms can be obtained by calling the Chamber (326-4290); nominations must be received by December 1, 1994.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174–0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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## **Recreation News**

Many thanks to Brian Hitsky, director of the Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Gayle Mach and Keith Brothers, Department staff members, for contributing information to this issue's "Recreation News" column. For more information about these or other Recreation programs, please stop in at the Recreation office (36515 Bibbins) or call 942-6852.

#### **Pumpkin Painting**

Kids of all ages are invited to attend the Recreation Department's pre-Halloween pumpkin-painting party at the Center on Wednesday, October 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Besides pumpkin painting, the evening will include story time, games, light refreshments, and prizes. Participants must provide their own washed pumpkins to paint; costumes should not be worn. Cost for the party is \$2 per child; preregister at the Recreation building by Monday, October 24. "Turkey Day" Free-throw Shoot-out

The third annual Thanksgiving Day free-throw shoot-out will be held at Cory Elementary School on Monday, November 21, at 6 p.m. (preregistration at 5:45 p.m.). For a cost of \$1 per chance (maximum of two chances), participants in three age divisions (eight to 11, 12 to 15, and 16 through adult) can try to win a turkey by making the most free throws in 10 attempts. Must wear gym shoes. Super Saturday Specials

Parents are encouraged to join their children on any or all of the following Super Saturday trips: Halloween Fest/Hayride (October 29; \$3), College Football at Ypsilanti (November 5; \$4), and Festival of Lights (November 19; \$1).

The following are some trip "tips."

- All trips depart from and return to the Recreation Center.
- Most trips are for children ages seven to 15.

- Although the sign-up deadline for each trip is the Thursday before the trip, seats are limited; early sign-up is recommended to avoid being shut out.
- An advance, cash payment is due before each trip, and permission slips are always required.
- Food is not generally available on trips, so participants should try to eat beforehand.

#### Volleyball Programs

If competition is what you seek, sign up for the adult six-on-six co-ed volleyball league, which will feature intermediate-level play on Monday evenings beginning November 14. Entry fee is \$100 per team plus \$7 per team per match for official fees. The deadline for registration is Friday, October 28.

Forthose age 16 and older who just like to play, a soon-to-begin drop-in volleyball program is just right for you. Games will be held at Romulus Middle School on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.; cost is just \$2 per player per evening. Check with Recreation staff for the program's start date.

#### Ceramics

No advance registration is required to attend ceramics classes held at the Recreation Center each Monday from 6 to 8:45 p.m. Men and women ages 16 and up, regardless of skill level, are invited to join. Fees are \$1.50 per evening for Romulus residents; \$2 per evening for nonresidents. There is also a firing fee, which is one-half the purchase price of the raw stock.

#### Quilting

Quilters of beginning to advanced skill levels are invited to attend classes at the Recreation Center each Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$1 per evening. No advance registration is required. 

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## Shocktober! DECORATE FOR HALLOWEEN



The City of Romulus Beautification Committee is sponsoring a contest for all those houses decorated for Halloween. The Judging/Prizes will be based on those Homes that "Most Depict Halloween."

- First Prize: \$50 •
- · Second Prize \$25 ·

All entries should be received on or before 5 p.m., October 25, 1994. Entries should include the address of the property, a contact person and phone number. All entries should be mailed to:

City of Romulus Beautification Committee Julie Wojtylko, President 11111 Wayne Road • Romulus, MI 48174 (313) 942-7537

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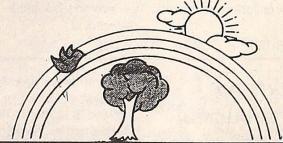
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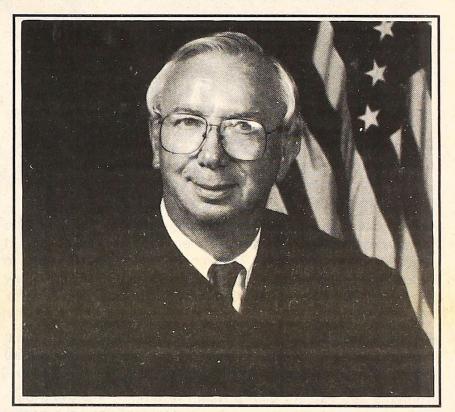
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#### REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 26, 1994

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 26, 1994 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Vice President Debra A. Hoffman.

Roll call showed President Sandra F. Langley absent (excused). Administrators Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent; Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services; and Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Debra A. Hoffman.

#### Approval of Agenda:

9/94/14 Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to approve the minutes of 9/94/15 August 29, September 6, September 12, and September 13, 1994 as corrected:

That the minutes of September 6, 1994 reflect that Mr. Pat Patterson, Trustee, was present.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Public Hearing - Annual Report and Human Sexuality

The Annual Meeting as required by P.A. 25 was held this evening, at which time the public was given the opportunity to review the Annual Report which was distributed at the meeting as well as mailed to every household in the District.

The Human Sexuality Public Hearing was the second such hearing on September 26, 1994. At the hearing the public was invited to preview materials to be used in the classrooms with their children to teach human sexuality and the prevention of contracting sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public:

The Board of Education responded to questions and concerns presented to them by various members of the audience.

#### Report of the Superintendent:

#### Personnel Actions

9/94/16 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner to rescind the termination of Nancy Lott and Shellie Moore-Kosino effective June 28, 1993 and to accept their resignation effective September 26, 1994 as recommended by Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz to approve a health-care 9/94/17 leave for Oscar Butler, Teacher, effective September 6, 1994 through January 27, 1995. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

9/94/18 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Establish Winter Tax Rate

9/94/19 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education adopt the attached levy for the winter 1994 tax collection:

All Property 2.30 Debt: All Property 3.00 State Tax: Hold Harmless: 2.82 Homestead 3.00 All Property Enhancement:

Ayes: 5. Nays: 1 (Patterson). Motion carried.

#### Discussion of "Well" Resolution

There was no action taken.

#### State Conference Delegates

The following members of the Board of Education were selected as Delegates for the State Conference being held in November: Mrs. Sandra F. Langley, Mrs. Judith A. Gondek, and Mrs. Julie A. Oleszkowicz. Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn was selected as an Alternate. Proposed Study Session

A Study Session was scheduled for Monday, October 3, 1994 to review our financial status

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, presented the following items for the Board's perusal: 1) ASCS - Dropped Lawsuit; 2) Bedell to Jostens - Salmen; 3) "Thanks" - City Recreation; 4) MEAP Academy Report; 5) "Thanks" - McPharlin to Associated, and 6) Ms. Hurst - Presenter.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz questioned the MEAP Scores being dropped in the Summer Program. Explanation forthcoming.

Mr. Howard J. Kesner requested that the Board Policy Committee commence their meetings for the 1994-95 school year.

Mrs. Debra A. Hoffman questioned the return of out-of-district students to the Romulus Schools. Dr. LeCesne responded.

A Special Education Seminar will be held at Barth Elementary School on October 17, 1994 at 7:00 P.M.

#### **Executive Session**

None needed.

#### Adjournment:

Moved by Patterson supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. 9/94/20 Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary

Romulus Board of Education

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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State law, but the trust we place in our elected officials.

Spending funds without the proper procedural allocation is a violation of the Michigan Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act and the City Charter. I simply asked the Council to follow protocol and adopt the necessary amendments that would publicly disclose the extreme cost of this litigation, all so that the citizens of Romulus would have the opportunity to voice their opinions before expenses are incurred, not after the bill is presented.

The response? Well, basically silence from the Council. The Mayor boldly asserted that she couldn't respond without appearing to be trying to influence the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). HUH? I don't understand the connection. Maybe it's because there isn't one. Following the Charter and the Budget Act only means that you acknowledge appropriations *publicly* before debts are incurred. How can that be even loosely viewed as an attempt to influence the

Sounds like a smoke screen to me. The fact is that the City will yet again spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on Deep Well Litigation, a project that the Mayor enthusiastically supported until two weeks before the last City election. The only people who may be in the dark about the cost of these legal fees is us, the citizenry of Romulus.

As it sits today, the Mayor's budget, adopted by Council, leaves only about \$40,000 in cash reserve (Fund Balance), about 1/40 (one-fortieth) of what it

should be according to municipal finance experts, and 1/80 (one-eightieth) of what it was when Mayor Oakley left office in 1984. If we use last year as a guide, the "Contracted Attorneys' Fees" for this coming year - this time a full 12 months - will be staggering. It will totally remove any cash reserve, and still that won't be enough. The only alternative is to make huge cuts in City services, the very services we need - Fire, Police, EMS, and the list goes on. The Mayor has already publicly acknowledged that cuts have been made, and will continue to be made, in road maintenance. The impact of that is noticeable; imagine when the City faces layoffs - or worse.

"Contracted Attorneys' Fees" for Deep Well Litigation were almost \$300,000 for just the first nine months of litigation - which, incidentally, were the last nine months of the last fiscal year (FY93/94) which ended June 30, 1994. It's easy to see a HUGE financial problem coming. If the City continues this course, rather than settling the suit now, without a tax increase, the City will have to make big reductions in services. This means drastic cuts in essential services - and no money left in cash reserve. Since the City insists on continuing this suit, public disclosure of the terrible cash impact wasn't a good idea for the City politically.

This, and only this, is the reason that the Mayor left the item out of the budget that Council later adopted. Sorry, Mayor McAnally, but you're wrong again.

Charles E. Griffiths, III

Master of Public Administration Univ. of Michigan, Class of 1994

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#### STUDY SESSION, OCTOBER 3, 1994

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, October 3, 1994 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Sandra F. Langley.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sandra F. Langley.

#### Approval of Agenda:

10/94/1 Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Report of the Superintendent:

Presentation of 1994/95 Budget

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented the 1994/95 budget (expenses and revenues) to the Board of Education for discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to have the administration submit the budget to them October 26, 1994 for a public hearing and adoption. It was also stated that the 3-mill enhancement would be used only to eliminate the deficit.

#### Discussion of Options

We do not know precisely what our funding from the State of Michigan will be for future years; therefore, our options and alternatives are limited at this time.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley requested that letters of "thanks" be sent to everyone who helped with the millage.

#### Adjournment:

10/94/2 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary

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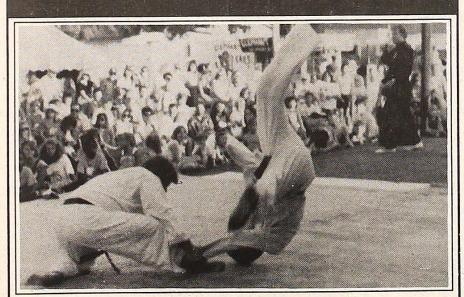
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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

Please note: Call 942-6852 for more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center (36515 Bibbins).

#### **FOCUS: HOPE for Seniors**

Senior citizens age 60 and over can apply for FOCUS: HOPE benefits at the Romulus distribution site (Family & Neighborhood Services) if their income does not exceed \$797 per month (one person)/\$1,066 per month (two persons). For more information, or to apply, please call Pam St. Clair at 782-9800.

#### Closed for Veteran's Day

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed on Friday, November 11, in recognition of Veteran's Day.

#### **Tax Trainees Sought**

The Romulus Senior Center is offering free training in tax preparation (Federal and State 1040, home heating, prescription, and property tax forms) to anyone who will volunteer one day per week in the months of February, March, and April, 1995, to prepare free tax returns for other seniors at the Romulus Senior Center. The five-day course will be held sometime in the first part of January. Volunteers will be reimbursed for expenses; transportation to the Center will be provided. For more information, please contact Barbara Schultz at the Center: 942-6852.

#### Legal Aid

Wayne County residents who are at least 60 years old can receive free legal assistance in most civil matters at the Legal Aid clinic to be held at the Romulus Senior Center on Wednesday, October 26. No appointment is necessary; senior citizens are seen on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 9:30 a.m. (Everyone signed in by 10:30 a.m. will be seen.)

#### Self-Defense Class

A self-defense class just for seniors is being planned for Tuesday, November 29, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Center. There is no fee; a light lunch will be provided.

#### Attention: Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center is again transporting interested senior citizens to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for an indoor, move-at-your-own pace walk program.

Transportation for participants in the free Wednesday-morning sessions will depart from the Center at 9 a.m. and return at 10:30 a.m.

#### **Lunch Out**

Join old and new friends for an afternoon out on Wednesday, November 9, when the Senior Van travels to The Macaroni Grill for "lunch out." Sign up at the Center.

#### **Friday Trips**

A transportation fee of just \$1.50 is all it takes to ride the Romulus Senior Center van to Meijer on Friday, October 28, or to Westland Mall on Friday, November 4. To participate, sign up at the Center.

#### Boar's Head Festival

Romulus seniors have again been invited to attend the Grosse Ile Boar's Head Festival, an indoor pageant of holiday music and dance presented every four years by the island's churches. Over 700 residents participate in this colorful spectacle which highlights entertainment, feasting, and the simple beauty of the Christmas story. The cost for the trip, which will take place on December 13, is \$3; a stop for supper (at your own expense) will be included. The sign-up sheet will be out on Tuesday, November 1.

#### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other scheduled trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer at 942-6852.

- Nashville Get into the spirit of a country holiday season when you enjoy this four-day/three-night trip to Nashville, Tennessee. The \$329 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of the trip includes a tour of the Christmas lights display at the Opryland Themepark, a ticket to a Grand Ole Opry show, a visit to Ryman Auditorium, a ticket to a mystery show, a tour of the city, three dinners, three continental breakfasts, and three nights' deluxe lodging at an area hotel.
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## **Bill To Establish Leave Programs**

Legislation aimed at encouraging businesses to establish family leave programs and assisting those which already have them by providing a tax credit was recently introduced in the House by Representative Greg Pitoniak.

HG 5838, which would apply to small businesses of 50 or fewer employees, is designed to benefit those companies that do not fall under the provisions of the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, Pitoniak said, Family leave programs are designed to assist employees so that they can be home with children or elderly dependents without fear of losing their jobs.

"We have a number of programs which benefit larger businesses, but I hope my legislation will assist smaller ones which are often left behind," Pitoniak said. "As more and more families take on the responsibility of providing for their loved ones at home, which is more often less costly than care at a private facility, we should be doing whatever we can to assist them. By encouraging family leave programs, we are not only opening up employment possibilities for those who have responsibilities at home, but encouraging small businesses to participate in what is becoming a virtual necessity in order to keep up with the practices of society."

This legislation is among several

welfare reform initiatives recommended by House Democrats. The package, which includes 21 measures, also calls for legislation: requiring that clients who complete a job training program actively seek employment under the same guidelines as those wishing to obtain unemployment compensation; requiring a teen mother on AFDC to attend high school or GED classes until graduation and allow DSS to offer incentives based on class attendance; and establishing a Michigan earned income tax credit to encourage parents to keep working.

HB 5838 will be considered by the House Taxation Committee. □

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## The Stork Arrived



#### Karah Ann Szafran

Thanking God for the blessing of their beautiful new baby, Karah Ann Szafran, are Dave and Michele (Good) Szafran of Taylor, Michigan.

Karah was born in Garden City Hospital (Garden City, MI) at 2:09 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 1994. At birth, she weighed seven pounds, three ounces, and measured 20½ inches in length.

Besides paternal grandparents
Jerry and Charlene Szafran (Lincoln
Park, MI) and maternal grandparents
Robert and Lori Good (Romulus, MI),
Karah also has four aunts and five
uncles. Her Godparents are Stacey
Brown (Romulus, MI) and Jerry Szafran
(Lincoln Park, MI). 

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## **Engagement**

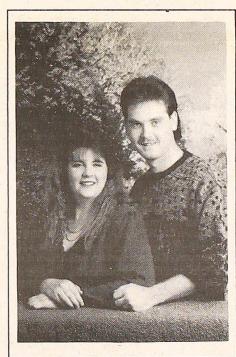
#### Larry D. Paprotzki/Roberta Good

Wedding plans are underway for Larry D. Paprotzki of Lincoln Park and Roberta Good of Romulus.

Afterdating for two years, the couple became engaged on May 24, 1994. They plan to exchange marriage vows on June 3, 1995, at St. John Church in Inkster.

Standing up with Larry will be his best man, Chris Krute (Riverview), and groomsmen Mike Gable (Melvindale), Mike Chafins (Romulus), and the bride's brother, Ray Good (Romulus). Attending Roberta will be her maid of honor and sister, Lori Hagadorn (Detroit), as well as sister Dawn Gable (Melvindale) and friends Angie (Rossier) Chafins (Romulus) and Christine Martell (Romulus). The ringbearer will be the bride's nephew, Micael A. Gable; Kimberly Hagadorn, the bride's niece will be the flower girl

A reception at Romulus Progressive Hall will follow the ceremony.



The couple plan to reside in Belleville following their wedding.

## Obituary

#### **Scott Dee Ward**

Scott Dee Ward, a retired Ford Motor Co. (Rawsonville Plant) electrician of Sumpter Township, Michigan, died on Friday, October 14, 1994. He was 52.

Scott is survived by his wife Dorothy; daughter Cynthia (Robert) Knight (Romulus, MI); son Owen Ward (Can-

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ton, MI); brothers Paul (Diane) Ward (Bay City, MI) and Randy (Cathy) Ward (Bethel, CT); and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 17, at Pawlus-Roberts Bros. Funeral Home (Belleville, MI). Burial was in Hillside Cemetery (Belleville, MI).

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